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SUBJ: FRENCH AIRCRAFT SALES TO SAG

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1. DURING MEETING IN RIYADH SEP 27 WITH MODA PRINCE SULTAN, CHARGE QUERIED PRINCE PER REF B ABOUT RECENT REPORTS OF POSSIBLE FRENCH AIRCRAFT SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA.

2. PRINCE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY ON SUCH REPORTS BUT USG SHOULD UNDERSTAND SAG HAS ALWAYS BEEN EAGER TO WIN BACK INTO ARAB FOLD THOSE DEVIANT STATES THAT HAVE HAD CLOSE RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS. IF SUCH SALES CONCLUDED, MOREOVER,

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HE COULD POSITIVELY ASSURE US THAT AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT BE FOR

SAUDI USE AND THAT AIRCRAFT PURCHASED WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT
OR EFFECT ON SAUDI LOGISTICAL CAPABILITIES OR MANPOWER RESOURCES.

COMMENT: SAUDI INTEREST IN FRENCH MIRAGES SEEMS SEPARATE FROM
AND INDEPENDENT OF THEIR CONSIDERATION F-4'S. REGARDING LATTER,
SAUDIS MAY STILL BE WEIGHING IMPACT OF SUCH A SOPHISTICATED
AIRCRAFT ON THEIR LIMITED ABSORPTIVE ABILITIES.

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